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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephone interview conducted on March 25, 2004.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Luk for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview.

During the interview, Applicants emphasized that independent claims 21 and 23 are patentable for all of the reasons noted in the March 8, 2004 Amendment. Namely, the Heavey reference teaches an overcharge feature that relates to time (not current). In this regard, the Heavey reference teaches nothing more than the conventional charging technique disclosed as background in the present specification. At least during the teleconference, Examiner Luk seemed to agree with this traversal position, but nevertheless indicated that the prior art search would be updated.

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Applicants believe that the telephone interview resolved any issues remaining in the application, and therefore respectfully solicit a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

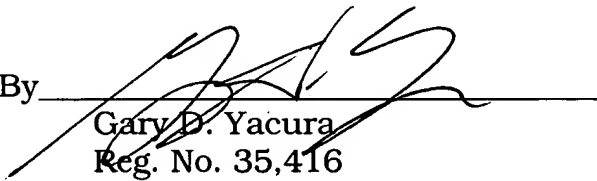
No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.

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